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1. Between 9 February and 15 April 1953, the USSR assigned and shipped to Communist China 3,500 motor vehicles, of which 320 were GAZ-67B "jeeps" and the remainder were ZIS-150 trucks. This vehicle shipment was part of the order placed by the Chinese Communists in 1952-with the USSR.¹
2. This shipment of vehicles was allotted to the East, Central and South, and Southwest China Military Areas to replace the old equipment of motor vehicle regiments in those areas. The Southwest China Military Area was the largest consignee and was scheduled to receive 1,500 vehicles.²

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that during late October 1952 the Supply and Service Command ordered 5,000 vehicles from the USSR for delivery by April 1953. 25X1A
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Lack of sufficient truck transport has been a basic deficiency of the Chinese Communist logistical system and, presumably, a major limiting factor in the shipment of supplies to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. In this connection, the reported assignment of a major portion of these trucks to the Southwest and Central and South China Military Areas has obvious implications. 25X1A

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